

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed August 08, 2006, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-25, drawn to an alignment device.
- II. Claims 26-34, drawn to a method of manufacturing an alignment device.

Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-25. Regarding a product as claimed being made by another materially different process, the pending Restriction Requirement stated that “in the instant case, the product as claimed can be made by a materially different process, such as blow molding or extrusion.” Applicant assumes that a misunderstanding in the present restriction includes the term “forming” as used in some of the pending claims. The term was intended to encompass all manufacturing methods including for example, blow molding or extrusion. The term forming, as used in the present claims, is not limited to the similarly named process of deforming an ingot of material. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

The pending Restriction Requirement further listed a plurality of species as follows:

- I. Species I depicted in Figures 1A-1C, base unit having an insert material.
- II. Species II depicted in Figure 2, base unit having a standoff feature with a linear contact surface.
- III. Species III depicted in Figures 3A-3C, base unit having a standoff feature with a circular contact surface.
- IV. Species IV depicted in Figure 4, having an orienting fixture attached to the longitudinal guide portion.
- V. Species V depicted in Figure 5, having extending members attached to the longitudinal guide portion.

Applicant elects with traverse species III and claims 1-6, 9-12, 14-23 and 25.

Applicant respectfully traverses the statement that “currently no claim is generic.” Applicant submits that at least claim 1 is generic.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6944 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

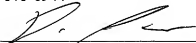
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